GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ANTI HEPATITIS B VACCINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people suffering from Hepatitis B disease in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether any research is going on to develop anti-Hepatitis B Vaccine;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the funds allocated yearly for the research; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken to take the help of Cuba for production of anti-Hepatitis B Vaccine?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) The separate data regarding people suffering from Hepatitis B is not centrally maintained, however, State-wise number of cases due to Viral Hepatitis including Hepatitis B as reported by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence during the period from 2003- 2005 is annexed.

(b) to (e) Two types of Hepatitis B vaccine- Pharma derived vaccine and Recombinant DNA vaccine have been developed so far and are available in India. Besides, as per information available from World Health Organisation, several other vaccines for Hepatitis B are under development in different institutions of the world like Genencor International Inc., Pasteur Institute, Paris and Cuban Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology. At present the Government is not supporting any research on the development of Hepatitis B vaccine and there is no proposal to associate Cuba for production of Hepatitis B vaccine in the country.